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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHINJI OHNISHI ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/252,925)
Filed: February 19, 1999)
For: DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,)
DATA COMMUNICATION METHOD,)
DATA COMMUNICATION)
APPARATUS, AND DIGITAL)
INTERFACE)
Examiner: H.N. Nguyen
T/C Unit: 2662
Confirmation No.: 5040
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004 to and including July 30, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal is filed herewith and in response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004, prior to continued examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the amendments to the claims being reflected in the listing starting on page 3, and the remarks

beginning at page 7.